

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 2016-17**

**ACTIVATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD
TO ASSIST IN RESPONDING TO THE GOGEBIC STORM DISASTER**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, under Section 12 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 the Governor is the Commander-in-Chief of the state armed forces and may call them out to execute the laws; and

WHEREAS, Section 151 of the Michigan Military Act, MCL 32.551, authorizes the Governor to order any members of the organized militia to active state service in the aid of the civil authority in times of public danger, disaster, crisis, catastrophe, or other public emergency within the state; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2016, severe weather, intense rain, straight-line winds, and a tornado struck Gogebic County, Michigan, causing significant destruction and has impacted access to emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the area primarily affected is Gogebic County, including Ironwood Township, the City of Wakefield, Bessemer Township, and Erwin Township; and

WHEREAS, the storm caused widespread and severe damage to roads, bridges, culverts, and other public facilities and infrastructure, causing an immediate threat to public health and safety and disrupting vital community services; and

WHEREAS, by the Executive Proclamation of Disaster issued on July 15, 2016, the Governor declared a disaster and directed that the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Department of State Police, to coordinate and maximize all state efforts, and called upon all state departments and agencies to utilize available resources to assist Gogebic County, Ironwood Township, the City of Wakefield, Bessemer Township and Erwin Township, pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consequence of the above, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the Michigan Military Act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.501 et seq., and the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.401 et seq., order the following:

1. The Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard is directed to order to active state service units and individuals of the Michigan National Guard that, in his discretion, he deems appropriate to meet general mission assignments as determined by the Director of the Department of State Police, or her designee.

2. The Director of the Department of State Police, or her designee, shall coordinate and maximize all state efforts, including such units and individuals of the Michigan National Guard that may be activated to state service to assist Gogebic County, Ironwood Township, the City of Wakefield, Bessemer Township and Erwin Township in accordance with the Michigan Emergency Management Plan.

3. The Michigan National Guard is activated until such time as determined by the Adjutant General, after consultation with the Director of the Department of State Police, or her designee.

The Executive Order shall become effective upon filing.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 15th day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen

RICHARD D. SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE